



# St. Louis Catholic Church

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## Parish Council Minutes May 17, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Nathan Wanstrath at 7:00 PM.

### Attendance:

Fr. Randy Summers, Chairperson Nathan Wanstrath, Vice-Chairperson Mark Giesting, Secretary Kevin Chaffee, Sebastian Moster, DeeDee Kaiser, Kathy Mattucci, Kelly Poltrack, Kim Koehne, and Mary Jo Wuestefeld.

### Opening Prayer:

The opening prayer was given by Kathy Mattucci.

### Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Mark Giesting and seconded by Mary Jo Wuestefeld to approve the minutes. A copy of the minutes will be placed in the binder in the back of church and emailed to the parish secretary.

### Pastor's Report:

Fr. Randy updated the council on the status of the parish budget for next year. The budget is balanced and has been reviewed and approved by the department heads and financial committee. Fr. mentioned that there will be a slight school tuition increase for next year. The end of year financials will be published in the bulletin for parishioners to review. The budget contains a new capital improvement line item to pay for items such as boiler replacement. This line item will be funded this year at \$65,000. New quarterly envelopes will be sent out so parishioners can contribute directly to this capital improvement fund. Any unspent budget funds at the end of the year will be placed in the capital improvement budget. Another new budget item will be salary for the head of music and liturgy, a new position which is currently being advertised.

Fr. Randy mentioned that the new baptismal font and ambry donated by a parishioner have been installed and look great. Nathan asked whether the lights in the ambry are lit continuously, and Fr. Randy responded that the lights are on only during mass in order to save bulb life. There is a broken hinge on the tabernacle that is being repaired. The boiler replacement project will not be completed this year as the Archdiocese did not process our loan request in time.

### New Business:

Fr. Randy discussed having a once/month social gathering during the summer. Mark Giesting mentioned the possibility of using the Liberty Park pavilion to grill out and host a Friday evening gathering. Kathy Mattucci volunteered to contact the city to see about using the pavilion.

Nathan reviewed some parishioner concerns with Fr. Randy. A letter was sent to those who had not used their contribution envelopes for a long time in order to determine who is an active parishioner. The council determined this was a proper thing to do, but asked Fr. to let the council know about these issues beforehand so they can respond to inquiries from parishioners. Fr. agreed to do so and told the council that anyone with questions should contact him directly.

Fr. said that the current mass schedule will continue. No Easter penance service was held since confession is available every weekday and Saturday mornings. Fr. will consider having a Devine Mercy Sunday celebration next year as long as there is no conflict with First Communion. The school tuition statements were late this year because the budget was not completed in time. The current arrangement with the contract business manager will continue. The Pope John Paul II and Mother Theresa statues will remain in the back of church until they are canonized. Fr. stated that the parishioners should determine which statues will be placed in the church transepts.

### Reports:

The reports were sent out prior to the meeting to all council and committee members for review. The reports were briefly discussed and enclosed and made a part of these minutes.

### Old Business:

There was no old business to discuss.

### Staff Reports:

None

### Closing Prayer:

The closing prayer was lead by Fr. Randy.

## Development Report

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Annual Fund-----\$32,160.00

Tuition Angel-----\$21,250.00

Grants since last meeting:

William A. & Martha H. Hillenbrand Foundation-----\$8,000.00  
toward purchase of 13 whiteboards

John A. Hillenbrand Foundation

\$6,500.00-----Toward purchase of whiteboards

\$5,000.00-----Wireless microphone system for school

\$8,077.00-----Four new computers and printers for parish office

\$25,000.00-----For new heating and air conditioning of preschool  
and repair of boilers for next year

Should have answer by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

RSRF-----\$25,000.00 for whiteboards---answer by the end of June

Festival co-chairperson---DeeDee in place of Sue Siefert

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To: St. Louis Church Parish Council  
From: Jason Burlage, Finance Committee Chairperson  
Re: Finance Committee Update

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***Financial Update***

Through April, St. Louis revenues were \$2.820M, and are \$354k above plan, driven by a onetime \$300k donation. Expenses were \$2.233M, \$120k below plan, for a net of \$475k ahead of our plan.

Cash on hand is \$353k, the ADLF restricted accounts have a balance of \$450k, and the Hilliard Lyons main account and technology accounts have balances of \$1,221k and \$380k respectively, for a total asset balance of \$2.404M.

***Finance Committee Update***

2012 Budget

The budget for next year is finalized and balanced.

**Parish Life / Christian Services Report**  
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**Hospitality Committee:** Our committee hosted the Ladies' Spring Tea which was held in the old gym on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, from 1 to 3 o'clock. We worked very hard to make sure that the 70 plus ladies in attendance were treated to a lovely afternoon. We set the tables with our own china tea settings on pastel tablecloths and the centerpieces of roses were given out as a take-home gift at the conclusion. The ladies were served tea, scones and homemade cookies by 5 of our own St. Louis men who volunteered (with a little encouragement from our committee member, Kevin Chaffee). Serving as waiters for the afternoon were John Wilson, Mike Gerstbauer, Mitch Sitterding, Herschel Dickey and committee member, Don Freyer. They did a wonderful job of serving and were a big hit with the ladies! We were able to have a beautiful hat display thanks to the mother of another of our committee members, Julie Wilson. The entertainment was provided by two St. Louis teachers, Amy Weigel and Missy Cooper, who presented a slide show and talk about their climb up Mt. Washington a few years ago. We have received many positive comments about the tea with some suggestions of making it a Mother-Daughter tea in the future.

**Twin Parish Committee:** The semi-annual Twin Parish Shoe Drive is being held May 14<sup>th</sup> through May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Boxes are located at the Church exits for new or used shoes in good condition for men, women and children. They are also collecting soccer shoes and balls.

**Youth Ministry Committee:** Some of the activities being planned are a Canoe Trip Outing, (June 12<sup>th</sup>), Lector & Usher Training, (June 8<sup>th</sup>) and a Cookout (July 17<sup>th</sup>). A survey has also been mailed out to all High School students and parents to help plan for the next school year. Events, meetings and other Parish youth opportunities are regularly posted on Facebook.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Mattucci  
Chairperson

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**Subject:** School Commission Update  
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Here is the School Commission update for the upcoming Parish Council meeting.

- Registration paperwork for next year has gone out with a tuition raise of \$80.
- SLS had its NCA accreditation visit. The initial feedback was positive but we are waiting for the official report. They liked the parent involvement and communications but thought the facilities were getting old and we should have a counselor more.
- New bill signed in Indiana allows for students who have been in the public school system for at least two semesters not counting Kindergarten to apply for vouchers for private school - only 7,500 vouchers will be given out this year but it will increase each year. Information about it and who to contact should run in this weekends bulletin. There is also a Scholarship Granting Organization that can give money to Catholic Schools kids to go along with this bill. People will be able to make donations and receive credit for a portion of their state income tax. We are still figuring out exactly how it works. We are looking to have a meeting with the people who are responsible for setting this program up in Indiana and the Archdiocese is having a meeting about it on the 19th. School Commission member Jill Koch is coordinating the effort for SLS. Her mother is on the state senate education and career development committee and has some insight into the program.
- We have 6 people running for 3 School Commission positions, 2 elected and 1 appointed.
- We have our PTO officers for next year set - Autumn Hurm - President, Wendy Deal - VP, Amanda Peters - Treasurer, and Julie Cox - Secretary.
- Extracurricular: Pop tabs were collected and given to the Ronald McDonald House, had successful Junior High Musical, Golf and Track seasons were very rainy.